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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a small independent telephone service provider. I support this competitive option and am 100% against cutting off independent providers. Many of my family members and myself live and work in rural communities. Broadband is critical to our homes, businesses and schools. I DO NOT SUPPORT PRICE HIKES THAT WILL INCREASE THE COST INTERNET AND TELEPHONE SERVICES. I want options and I want competition - NOT just one big conglomerate.

Please feel free to contact me should you question my support for local competitive carriers.

Thank you,

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